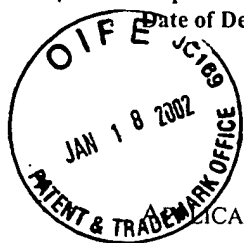


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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), in duplicate;
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No fee is believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-697. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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